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CONSCRIPTION IS VEXED QUESTION

Threatens Serious Split In British Cabinet.

SITUATION IS VERY DELICATE

A. J. Balfour Resolutely Opposes Compulsory Military Service and is Said to Be Supported by a Majority of the Ministers.

London, Dec. 28.—That the proceedings of the British cabinet have not been going smoothly is seen in the fact that after a two hours' sitting the council was obliged to adjourn, no decision regarding compulsory military service having been reached, and the discussion having revealed great differences of opinion.

The Times' parliamentary correspondent asserts that the position is undeniably delicate and may become critical unless handled with firmness and decision.

The Daily Mail asserts that Andrew Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies, and Lord Kitchener, the war minister, have not yet made their position clear, while A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, resolutely opposes compulsion, in which he is supported by a majority of the ministers.

But David Lloyd-George, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Earl Curzon, Sir Frederick Smith, J. Austen Chamberlain, Walter Hume Long and the Earl of Selbourne advocate immediate compulsion.

Mr. Lloyd-George, the Mail adds, before the sitting of the council, made his position clear to Premier Asquith in a message intimating that unless Mr. Asquith adheres to his pledge to apply compulsion to unmarried "slackers," if they failed to present themselves for attestation under Lord Derby's recruitment scheme, he could not continue as a member of the government.

The Morning Telegraph and the Chronicle, anti-compulsion organs, also are apprehensive of a crisis or a general election.

GOING TO ANOTHER FIELD

British Indian Army Corps Departs From France.

London, Dec. 28.—A British Indian army corps has left France for another field of operations, it was announced.

Whether the new field of action is Egypt or Mesopotamia is not announced.

In both those theaters there is presumably already considerable bodies of Indian troops. It is assumed that the places of the Indians in France have been filled by drafts from the new armies raised on the soil of the United Kingdom.

FRENCH LINER SUNK; EIGHTY LIVES LOST

Paris, Dec. 28.—The French steamer Ville de la Clotat, with passengers on board, was torpedoed without warning and sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine, the ministry of marine announced.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Eighty persons were drowned in the destruction of the French liner Ville de la Clotat, the American consul at Malta reported to the state department. No Americans were aboard. The ship, he reports, was torpedoed without warning and sunk in fifteen minutes.

FRENCH FREE SEA CAPTIVE

Brooklyn Man Taken From American Steamer Released.

Washington, Dec. 28.—William Garbe of Brooklyn, pursuer of the American steamer Borinquen, who was taken off by the French cruiser Descartes in Porto Rican waters, Dec. 15, has been released.

Advices to the French embassy say the other men taken from American ships by the cruiser are being held pending investigation of their liability to military service in the German army.

35,000 ENTER PARTNERSHIP

International Harvester Company to Adopt Co-operative Plan.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The 35,000 employees of the International Harvester company are to become copartners with their employers. Each employee will be allowed to purchase profit sharing certificates, payment to be made in small monthly installments. Provision is made for converting these certificates into stock at a rate below the market value.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

Will Not Join the Ford Peace Party in Europe.



Photo by American Press Association.

New York, Dec. 28.—Reports that William Jennings Bryan had contemplated joining Henry Ford in Europe were confirmed, but because Mr. Ford himself is returning to this country Mr. Bryan will not go to Europe.

DENMARK PROHIBITS FORD PEACE RALLIES

Copenhagen, Dec. 28.—The Danish government will prohibit the members of the Ford peace expedition from holding meetings here, under a decision rendered after the recent visit of Erling Bjornson, son of the late Norwegian dramatist, who endeavored to deliver a lecture on the European war.

Governor L. B. Hanna of North Dakota, a member of the Ford peace party, arrived, suffering from influenza. He has a high fever.

The governor was admitted to St. Joseph's hospital, Copenhagen. The American legation is caring for him.

SERBIANS TO GET SUPPLIES

Americans Arrange in Paris to Relieve Condition of People.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Hugh Griffen and Charles Carroll, representing the American relief clearing house in Paris, together with Dr. Edward W. Ryan, chief of the American Red Cross in Serbia, were received at the ministry of foreign affairs.

Arrangements were made by the Americans to take supplies into Serbia and Albania.

Germans Lose 8,000 Near Ypres.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Information received regarding the fighting Dec. 21 between Ypres and Armentieres indicates the Germans suffered a loss of more than 8,000 men without gaining any ground," says a dispatch to La Liberte from their correspondent on the northern front.

FOR THE ATTACK ON EGYPT

Large Number of Heavy Guns Arriving at Constantinople.

London, Dec. 28.—The Athens correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says recent storms carried away the booms constructed by the Turks across the narrows in the Dardanelles and that, profiting by the opportunity, a number of the allies' submarines passed into the sea of Marmora.

Large numbers of heavy guns destined for the expedition against Egypt continue to arrive at Constantinople. The German staff of Constantinople is credited with the intention of mounting these guns behind sand dunes at a great distance to bombard and destroy the works at the Suez canal.

The Italian troops who landed at Avlona have reached the Greek frontier ports in Southern Albania.

SHOOT TWO HOLDUP MEN

Bank Cashier Loses Bonds and Intercepts Robbers.

Grant, Okla., Dec. 28.—After having been thrown into the bank vault with his hands tied by two youths who robbed the Bank of Grant of \$4,000, Cashier Webb slipped out of his bonds, intercepted the bandits, before they got out of town and shot and badly wounded both of them when they refused to surrender.

The robbers, whose names the sheriff's officers gave as Claude Jones, twenty-three years old, and Arthur McFarland, seventeen, were taken to jail at Hugo.

Physicians said Jones probably would die. Both are said to live near Grant.

RAILWAY HEADS MUST FACE JURY BOY-ED SAILS WITH COL. HOUSE

Austrians Reply to Ancona Note Will be Satisfactory and Final—Reported Czar Sent Messenger with Personal Note Asking King to Intervene—Kaiser's Throat Bad—Austria Intends to Suggest Appointment of International Commission. French Liner Torpedoed.

Andrew Carnegie Gives \$12,000,000 for Belgian War Victims—Capt. Boy-ed Sails on the Same Ship with Brand Whitlock, Minister to Belgium, and Col. House, the President's Representative—Judge Refuses to Dismiss Indictments Against New Haven Railway Officials.

Government Will Ascertain if Huerta is Really Ill—Bulgaria will Never Restore Macedonia to Serbia—British and French Ships are Torpedoed—Government Ownership of Railways Predicted—Ford Peace Party Were Incompetent to Formulate Basis on Which to Work.

Carnegie Representatives Deny Amsterdam Report

(By United Press)
New York, Dec. 28.—Andrew Carnegie's representatives this afternoon flatly denied the Amsterdam report that Carnegie had given \$12,000,000 for Belgian relief.

AUSTRIA'S REPLY TO NOTE SATISFACTORY AND FINAL

(By United Press)
Berlin, Dec. 28.—The entire question of submarine warfare affecting the United States will be settled within a few days. The Austrian reply to the Ancona note will be handed to Ambassador Penfield the latter part of this week, the assurance being given that it will be satisfactory and final. The strong party of the dual monarchy insists that the friendly relations of America be preserved, and apparently has the upper hand.

REPORTED CZAR NICHOLAS SENT MESSENGER TO RUMANIAN KING

(By United Press)
Rome, Dec. 28.—It is reported that Czar Nicholas has sent Ambassador Schelko to Bucharest with a personal message to the Rumanian king, asking him to intervene with the allies.

FRENCH LINER TORPEDOED

Paris, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Marseilles says the French liner Ville de la Citat was torpedoed in the Mediterranean because the Germans believed that General Castelnou, the French chief of staff was on board.

MONITORS SHELL WESTENDE

Berlin, Dec. 28.—An official telegram from the war department says that the enemy's monitors shelled Westende yesterday killing two women and one man.

HOSTILE SUBMARINE SUNK

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—An official statement says the Russian destroyer Gromky sunk a hostile submarine in naval action off the Bulgarian Black Sea coast.

THESE QUESTIONS RAISED

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 28.—Whether Germany is repudiating the Lusitania agreement or Austria playing closely as possible to the edge of a break with the United States, are questions raised in connection with the succession of unwarmed submarine attacks.

KAISER'S THROAT BAD

(By United Press)
London, Dec. 28.—Swiss reports are rife regarding an operation to be performed on the kaiser's throat soon, but are not confirmed. Similar reports were current a year ago when the kaiser's throat was bad.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION

(By United Press)
London, Dec. 28.—Reports from Swiss sources say Austria intends to suggest the appointment of an international commission to determine the disputed points in the Ancona case.

NEVER RESTORE SERBIA

(By United Press)
Sofia, Dec. 28.—"Bulgaria will never restore to Serbia the conquered territory which properly belongs to the Bulgars," was what Czar Ferdinand told parliament at its opening session.

WILL CHANGE ROUTE

(By United Press)
Tokio, Dec. 28.—Because of increased submarine activity in the Mediterranean, the Japanese liners will hereafter take the cape route in voyage to Europe.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

(By United Press)
London, Dec. 28.—The British steamer Vansturm was submarined and sunk, the crew being rescued.

Carnegie Gives War Victims \$12,000,000

(By United Press)
Amsterdam, Dec. 26.—Andrew Carnegie has sent \$12,000,000 as a relief fund to the Belgian war victims.

Ford Peace Mission Was Incompetent

(By United Press)
Stockholm, Dec. 28.—The people of Sweden are warning up to the Ford peace mission and the hall was unable to accommodate the crowd attending the peace meeting last night. The Stockholm press comment is distinctly favorable. Louis Lochner, the principal speaker, admitted that the delegates were incompetent to formulate a possible basis for peace, and asked the belligerent for advice.

Will Ascertain Huerta's Condition

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 28.—The department of justice has telegraphed El Paso to ascertain how serious the condition of Victoriano Huerta, former dictator of Mexico, is. Unless he is more serious than reported the grand jury that is investigating the alleged attempted Mexican expedition, in which he is accused of having been one of the promoters, will continue.

House and Whitlock Sail With Boy-ed

(By United Press)
New York, Dec. 28.—Colonel House, the president's confidential agent, Brand Whitlock, minister to Belgium, and Captain Boy-ed, the recalled German naval attaché, sailed aboard the Holland liner Rotterdam. Col. House repeated that the trip did not concern the peace proposals.

Government Ownership of Railway Lines

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 28.—The probability of government ownership of all American railway lines was forecasted by Charles Prouty, director of valuation of the Interstate Commerce commission, before the transportation section of the Pan-American conference this afternoon.

Railway Heads Must Face Jury

(By United Press)
New York, Dec. 28.—Federal Judge Hunt was denied the motion to dismiss the indictments charging the eleven former and present directors of the New Haven railway with conspiracy. He has ruled that all the defendants must put in their defence and that the case must go to the jury.

Blanket Indictment

(By United Press)
New York, Dec. 28.—A blanket indictment charging Congressman Frank Buchanan, David Lamar Wolf, all of Wall Street, former Congressman Robert Fowler, of Illinois, and four others with conspiracy, was returned by the federal grand jury this afternoon. This is the result of investigations into the alleged activities of laborers of the National Peace Council.

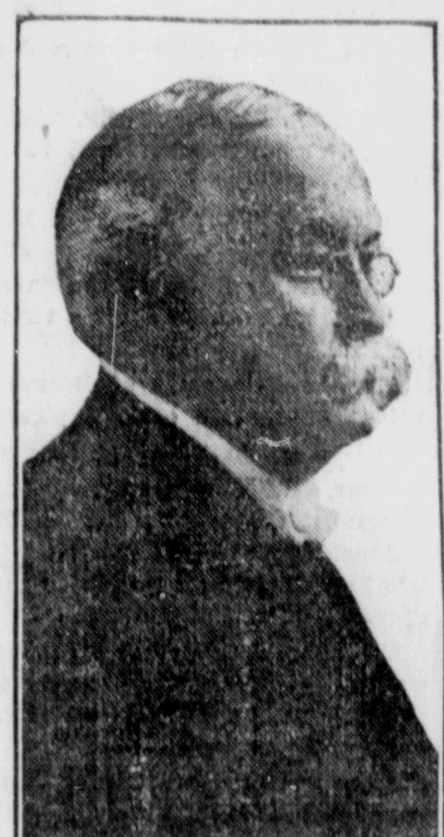
Dardanelles Abandoned by the British for Salonica



Announcement has come from the British war office that 100,000 troops, believed to be all the British troops on the Gallipoli peninsula, have been withdrawn to another sphere of operation. That is interpreted to mean the troops have gone to Salonica. The statement said that the troops had been withdrawn from Suvla Bay and Anzac. Previously, it was believed, there were troops at Seddul Bahr.

DR. CYRUS NORTHROP.

May Enter Republican Race for Presidency.



By Hubner.

NORTHROP MAY GET IN RACE

Noted Educator Hedges His Acceptance With Many Provisions.

Minneapolis, Dec. 28.—If the Minnesota field is left practically to him, and should there be such a call made upon him by a fair representation of all factions of the Republican party in the state, Dr. Cyrus Northrop told a delegation of Republicans that he would consider their proposal that he consent to become "Minnesota's favorite son" candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

The delegation which called upon him consisted of William N. Carroll, who originated the Minnesota's favorite son idea; Edward E. Smith, former lieutenant governor of Minnesota, and William Henry Rustis.

FACTORIES ARE PROSPEROUS

Total Value of North Dakota Products in 1914 \$21,147,000.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The value of the manufactured products of North Dakota in 1914 was \$21,147,000, according to a bulletin issued by the federal census bureau. This is an increase of \$2,000,000 over 1909, or 10.5 per cent. The average value of the manufactured products per establishment in 1914 was approximately \$30,000, compared with \$25,000 in 1909. These increases were effected in the face of a reduction in the number of manufacturing establishments from 752 to 699 in the five-year period.

The capital invested in 1914 was \$14,213,000, a gain of \$20,628 in five years; the average of each establishment last year being \$20,000. The cost of materials used in 1914 was \$12,674,000, a gain of \$810,000 over 1909. This item does not include rents, royalties, insurance, ordinary repairs nor allowance for depreciation.

LEAGUE OUTLINES PROGRAM

Enforcement Men in North Dakota Raise Four Issues.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 28.—Four primary objects have been adopted by the North Dakota Enforcement league for attainment in 1916, as outlined by P. L. Watkins, superintendent. They are:

- Stopping the railroads from carrying illegal liquor shipments.
- Removal of incompetent and unwelcome officials.
- Driving out of the "organized" blind piggers.
- Carrying out a financial-educational campaign, involving the creation of a \$100,000 fund to be used among children.

WILSON'S DOCTOR STUDIES

Dr. Cary T. Grayson Engaged in Research Work.

New York, Dec. 28.—Dr. Cary T. Grayson, United States army, private physician to President Wilson, has been engaged in research work at the Polyclinic hospital here for the past week, it was learned.

Dr. Grayson is understood to have been desirous of undertaking research work for some time and when the president left on his honeymoon Dr. Grayson took advantage of the opportunity.

Killed Walking With Girls

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 28.—John Hayes, a young farmer of Tryon, N. C., is dead from a load of buckshot and Frank Foster of the same place is held by the authorities as the result of a shooting in the presence of two young women whose identity was not disclosed. Reports received here said Hayes was walking with the girls when Foster did the shooting.

OFFICIALS SHOW MUCH INTEREST

May Inquire Into Sinking of Japanese Liner.

NO ANCONA DEVELOPMENTS YET

Strong intimation Has Come to Washington From an Authoritative Source That the Reply May Not Meet With the Approval of the United States.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The sinking of the Japanese steamship Yasaka Maru will be made the subject of diplomatic negotiations by the United States if it is established that an American citizen was on board when, as described in official advices received, a submarine of unknown nationality torpedoed the vessel without warning.

This became known after the state department had officially announced that it had no record of an American passport having been granted to W. J. Leigh, a survivor of the disaster, who has been called in consular and press dispatches an American citizen.

Should it develop that Leigh actually is an American citizen the state department will feel justified in addressing inquiries to Germany, Austria and Turkey in an effort to establish the nationality of the submarine.

It is considered practically certain, however, that the craft was Austrian, as it is said in Teutonic quarters here that there were no German or Turkish submarines operating in the Mediterranean near where the Yasaka Maru was attacked.

Officials Display Anxiety.

State department officials are awaiting information in regard to Leigh with considerable anxiety.

If he is entitled to the protection of the United States the fact that he was aboard the liner undoubtedly will complicate the negotiations with Austria over the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona.

There have been no developments in the Ancona negotiations and none are expected before the reply of the Vienna foreign office in received, probably some time this week.

Officials here do not seek to minimize the seriousness of the situation, as there has been no indication that Austria will accede to the American demands.

On the contrary a strong intimation has come from an authoritative source that the reply may not meet with the approval of the United States.

Official news received of the torpedoing of the French steamer Ville de la Clotat added still another aggravating circumstance to the situation.

TURKS ARE DRIVEN BACK

Make Vigorous Attack on British Forces at Kut-el-Amara.

Delhi, Dec. 28.—A vigorous Turkish assault against the British forces at Kut-el-Amara was driven back with heavy losses, according to an official report received from General Townshend, the British commander. The report says:

"The enemy launched a determined attack against a portion of our position, which was repulsed with an enemy loss of from 600 to 800 killed and wounded. Our casualties were under 200."

BULGARS QUIT THE GREEK FRONTIER.

London, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Times from Saloniki says: "The Bulgarians have withdrawn four miles from the Greek frontier between Gell and Doiran and are busy fortifying a strong line of natural positions. On our side the work of fortification is being facilitated by the fine weather and energetically advanced."

NAVY YARD WAGES GO UP

Majority of 25,000 Employees to Get Increase Jan. 1.

Washington, Dec. 28.—A majority of the 25,000 employees in government navy yards, shops and stations will receive increases in pay beginning Jan. 1.

Secretary Daniels made this announcement.

Eminent Boston Physician Dead.

Boston, Dec. 28.—Dr. David W. Cheever, for more than half a century a leading physician and surgeon in New England and widely known as a writer and lecturer on medical subjects, died here at the age of eighty-four years.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Mary Hanson went to Pequot today.

For Spring Water Phone 264. If Harry Belmuth was at Cuyuna yesterday.

Miss Veva Paine returned to Duluth today.

The Yeomen lodge give a dance this evening.
J. W. Smith and family, visiting Wm. Nelson, have returned to Ny-more.

Glasses properly fitted. Dr. LONG, 291tf

Col. C. D. and Mrs. Johnson and family have returned from a visit in St. Paul.

Herman Peterson, of Deerwood, paid the Dispatch office a pleasant visit today.

Flour, \$2.75 a hundred. Koop Mercantile Co. 156tf

Arnold Corwin, a lad of Aldrich, was brought to Brainerd today to be operated on for appendicitis.

Tell about it to readers of Dispatch want ads—and if your property and price are right you'll find a buyer.

See D. M. Clark's beautiful line of Navajoe blankets. On display in our windows. 159tf

L. Pancratz, the well known tinner of D. M. Clark & Co., has returned from Perham where he spent Christmas.

Mrs. Harry J. Lunt and daughter, Miss Ruth Lunt, of Duluth, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hoffbauer.

Skates, Skates, Skates! All kinds, all sizes. D. M. Clark & Co. 139tf

Richard Bush of Brainerd visited over Christmas in Benndji as the guest of his brother, C. A. Bush.—Pioneer.

Christmas mass celebrated at St. Francis Catholic church was the finest heard in recent years. Millard's mass was sung.

Shoes for winter, the kind that's easy and warm on your feet. Let H. W. Linnemann fit you out. 17412

The annual meeting of the Brainerd Rifle club will be held on Saturday, January 8, at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Miss Emma Johnson of Brainerd is in Ny-more spending Christmas at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gust Johnson.—Benndji Pioneer.

The Roll Away Rink will be closed Monday and Tuesday evenings on account of other amusements. 17412

Wm. Bissanette, undertaker of D. M. Clark & Co., has returned from St. Paul where he enjoyed the Christmas holidays with relatives.

A Brainerd man charged with boot-legging, being one of the seven arrested by Indian agents, was taken from Little Falls to Duluth yesterday afternoon.

L. C. McCarthy, formerly principal

of the Brainerd high school, and now superintendent of schools of Preston, is visiting Rev. G. P. Sheridan and D. E. Whitney in the city.

New Year's Dance, Saturday evening, Jan. 1st, Citizens State Bank hall Music by Blue Ribbon Orchestra. Tickets 75c. 17118

Churches having New Year's programs, societies and others are asked to have their programs in early as the Dispatch will print no paper on New Year's day, a legal holiday.

Seasonable underwear, the kind that resists wintry blasts, at H. W. Linnemann's. 17412

A pleasant surprise given Rev. A. B. Colvin, pastor of the Swedish Baptist church, was Christmas morning when congregation and other friends presented him with a purse full of gold pieces.

Miss Hildegard Anderson of Brainerd arrived in the city Friday to spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bush. Miss Anderson returned to her home Monday.—Benndji Pioneer.

Buy that winter overcoat and suit NOW. The thermometer touched 12 below. Let H. W. Linnemann fit you out. 17412

The tenant you ought to have will rent a room, apartment or house if he sees your ad in the want columns of the Dispatch. How else can you so cheaply get the publicity which brings results.

D. E. Whitney has purchased a lungmotor and the appliance was instrumental in saving the life of C. E. Hansing, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, while the latter was in the critical stages of pneumonia.

25 base burners for sale or rent at D. M. Clark & Co. 111tf

H. A. Lidenburg leaves the employ of the Brainerd Produce Co. January 1 and goes to Crookston where he has accepted a fine position in the creamery business. The directors of the produce company will hold a meeting on Thursday, Dec. 30, in Brainerd.

Big Social Dance at the new S. E. Brainerd hall Thursday, Dec. 30, 1915. Four piece union orchestra. Tickets 50c. Ladies free. 17512p

Water meters, announces the water and light department, will be read Dec. 30 and 31. On the morning of Dec. 30 the water meter man will be on the north side and in the afternoon in Northeast Brainerd. On Dec. 31 he will inspect the south and southeast sides.

Dr. R. A. Beise lost 26 pounds following his operation and sickness. He says he feels well now, although he must be careful not to over-exert himself. Some time next week Dr. and Mrs. Beise and family expect to go to California where they will spend from six weeks to two months.

Trunks and leather traveling bags from \$3 to \$12. D. M. Clark & Co. 191tf

Elmer Dahl, now a substitute clerk in railway mail service, has returned to Brainerd after working out of Duluth during the Christmas rush. Mr. Dahl has resumed his employment at the water and light board offices. He is the efficient young man who reads the figures on the electric light meters.

The Dispatch is in receipt of two pamphlets issued by the University Farm, St. Paul, one on "Quack Grass Eradication" and the other on "Farmers' Elevators in Minnesota." The latter is a timely contribution to farmers, considering the fight the Farmers' Equity society is making for a central market, etc.

Harold E. Smith visited over Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Francis E. Smith, and other relatives in Brainerd. Mr. Smith now holds a responsible position on the Minneapolis Journal and is also one of the promoters of the Northern News Bureau, which furnishes a daily war service to newspapers in the northwest.

Christmas is past and by many the day after is considered the shortest day in the year. However H. W. Linnemann offers you holiday bargains and your money will go further than in any other clothing store. 17412

James M. Elder, agent of the Aetna Life Insurance Co., announces the receipt of a \$2,000 check, being the amount of the policy carried by Dr. F. J. Sykora in the company. The company was notified Dec. 17, the check is dated Dec. 23 and was received Dec. 28. The A. E. Loser death claim was paid three days after the latter's death.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Koop left for Mrs. Koop's home at Pine City and from there they will go to the Twin Cities and meet the eastern manufacturer representatives and buy their spring shoe stock for their new store at Jamestown, N. D. "Grover," as he is so well known, reports a good holiday trade and says that now the rush is over, the packing and moving will be the next big feature.



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SQUATTING AT THE TABLE.

it Tried the Patience and the Muscles of the Stranger in a Strange Land, but From an Epicurean Standpoint the Worst Was Yet to Come.

Describing an amusing experience in Japan, Homer Croy in Leslie's Weekly tells how, after arriving by train in an interior town, in his efforts to find a hotel, he tried to break into a bank. Realizing his mistake, he finally, by use of the sign language, was directed to a real hotel, where, after removing his shoes, he entered. Then:

What interested me most was something to eat, and opening my mouth to its fullest I pointed in. They motioned me to follow upstairs, but I held back, showing that I wanted the dining room, not the bedroom. Seeing a door, which I thought must be the dining room, I pushed it open, but it was the kitchen; so, thinking that they knew more about things than I did, I let them lead me upstairs. When the girl pushed back the sliding doors my heart crawled down another step, for there was only one piece of furniture in the room, a seat that looked like a two legged milk stool covered with carpet. There wasn't a single chair in the room and no place to hang my hat or coat, nothing except a bare room with a heavy matting on the floor and one of my toes brazenly peeping through my stocking.

I started to sit down on the milk stool, but it squirted out from under me, while the servant girl made no effort to hide her laughter. Dropping down on the floor, she showed me how to use the milk stool by sitting on the floor and leaning one arm on it, like a picture before Pompeii.

She took my hat and coat, and I wondered where she was going to hang them, for there wasn't a single nail or hook in the room. Carrying them over to the wall, she pushed back a small sliding door and placed them on a shelf and brought me back a kimono. She motioned for me to get into it and started down the hall. I got out of my clothes and was just slipping into the kimono when I heard her coming. I called to her to stop, but she did not understand, so I wrapped the kimono around me the best way I could and tried to keep it together, for there were no buttons on it.

On the floor she placed a table and on it a pot of tea. The table was just barely a foot high, and there was no milk or sugar for the tea, for these things spoil tea to a Japanese. Then she came with a plate of fish, a bowl of rice and a little square box with a bamboo tube in it and a bowl. In the bowl was a glow of charcoal. Soon I puzzled out that this was for lighting cigarettes and the bamboo for dropping the butts into. The first thing a Japanese thinks of is tea, and the next is cigarettes.

I started to draw up to the table, but I could not find a place for my knees. They wouldn't let me get near enough the table to carry out my designs on the fish. Seeing my trouble, the girl dropped down to show me how. She turned her feet back, with her toes pointing straight behind her, and sat down, her face in one direction and her toes in another. It looked easy, but it brought me up with a short breath. No European can sit in such an attitude.

Putting one leg under the table, with one bare knee glistening on the side, I bent over the table to proceed with the eating, but here I ran up against a snag. All I had to eat with was chopsticks. Weaving them through my fingers, I tried to break off a piece from the slab of fish, but it wouldn't break. I turned it over, hoping to spring it, but with my wabbling sticks I could only grease the plate. Openly the girl laughed. It was better than a picture show to her. She showed me how it should be done—by lifting the whole fish with the sticks and taking bites as if it were a piece of bread. The next dish was something that puzzled me. In a round wooden dish

about the size of the bowl that used to come in a package of oatmeal were white squares of meat in hot water. I worked out a piece and ate it and asked her through signs what it was. She threw out enough for a paragraph, but that did not bring me light. I asked her again, and away she went and came back with a book and, coming up close, pointed to the picture of a horse! I had been eating horse meat. Something in me began to sink, leaving me weak and limp. Although she brought me two or three more things to eat, I waved them aside. My appetite for the time had been appeased.

John Muir's Great Wealth.

John Muir, who has left a rich legacy to his countrymen, like so many thousands of writers and American idealists, was poor. He was a close friend of Mr. E. H. Harriman, the multimillionaire railroad king. One day Mr. Muir surprised his wealthy friend by saying, "Harriman, you know I am a richer man than you are?"

"Yes?" said Harriman, with a question in his tone.

"Because," continued Muir, "I have all the money I want, and you haven't."—From "American Ideals," by Clayton Sedgwick Cooper.

Remember you must die. Let this not startle you, but let it soften you while there is yet time to do some good in the world.

The Big Dipper.

In astronomy the Big Dipper, so called, is in the constellation of Ursa Major, or the Great Bear. The stars forming the tail of the bear also form the handle of the dipper. The first star in the handle is Benetnasch, the second Mizar, the third Alkaid. The other four, which go to form the bowl of the dipper, are Megrez, Phad, Merak and Dubhe. The two last named are called "the pointers" because they point or guide the eye to the pole star, which is distant 29 degrees. The top bowl stars are 10 degrees and the bottom ones 8 degrees apart.

The Serpent's Venom.

A physician while talking with a group of friends remarked: "It is common to hear people speak about poisonous serpents. Serpents are never poisonous; they are venomous. A poison cannot be taken internally without bad effects; a venom can. Venoms to be effective have to be injected directly into the circulation, and this is the manner in which the snake kills. Their venom taken internally is innocuous."

When Fashions Lasted For Years.

In times past a fashion lasted with slight modifications for years. Much the same fashion continued through the long reign of Louis XIV, and another through that of Louis XV, while the ladies of the middle ages never thought of varying their costumes. As for the Greeks and the Romans, generation succeeded generation with little change in female dress, and yet all these ladies of the past were more artistically dressed than those of today. Many no doubt spent more than they could afford, but when they had a costly dress they kept it and did not throw it away to replace it with another.—London Truth.

The Silent Man.

"You never have a word to say about any one."

"No; I never knock because I don't know whose friend I may be abusing."

"But why don't you praise occasionally?"

"Because I never know whose enemy I may be helping."—Detroit Free Press.

A Gentle Hint.

He—Then you are not interested in my welfare. She—No; but if the two syllables were transposed I'd not only be interested, but enthusiastic.—Boston Transcript.

The sickie rusts in the hand that waits for the harvest.—Persian Proverb.

WHICH SIDE OF THE SCREEN

Does your coal come from. Our coal is all carefully inspected before we accept it—is yours? Our coal has no slag or dirt, or in fact any foreign material to add to the weight or detract from the heating quality. We take good care of our trade at all times.

JOHN LARSON

A TOUCH OF GOLD.

Its Magic Restored to Its Pedestal His Tottering Dignity.

One day during his prosperous "Adonis" time in London Henry E. Dixey was walking in the Strand when he met an American actor. He belonged to the order of self satisfied persons who live to give out the impression that the man they deign to speak to is specially singled out by an indulgent providence for high favor. This particular haughty one had obviously made acquaintance with misery. His clothes were seedy, and there were written all over him the signs of pressing want.

"Hello, old man, how are you getting on?" was the Dixey hail.

"Very well, I thank you, sir," replied the unbending one.

"Doing anything just now?" queried Dixey.

"Well, no, I may candidly say I'm not. These piteous bounds over here do not estimate art at its proper value, and I have refused, in deference to my dignity, to accept anything less than I consider my services worth. I may be out of an engagement temporarily, but thank heaven, I have not degraded myself by taking any paltry advances, and I still consider myself a gentleman."

Then he added, in a lower and less aggressive tone, "But I most candidly own that the pangs of hunger may soon make me forget my professional dignity, as I have not had a mouthful to eat in two days."

"For heaven's sake," exclaimed the pitying Dixey, "take this and get something to eat!" And he laid in the starving man's hand a sovereign.

With the touch of gold in his consciousness the recipient's face underwent a magical change. Halting a passing cab, he turned to Dixey and said: "Thanks, old fellow, I'll return this in a couple of days. Caddy, drive me to the Cafe Royal."

And away he went to spend that precious sovereign at a single throw. His pride as a gentleman must not be allowed to suffer.—Detroit Free Press.

Mathematical Prizes.

The Academy of Sciences of Göttingen, Germany, holds \$21,000 to be awarded to whomsoever can furnish a general proof of Fermat's theorem, which is to the effect that in the equation $x^n + y^n = z^n$ if n stands for an integer (whole number) greater than 2 no integral values can be found for x , y and z . This must be furnished before Sept. 1, 1907.

The French Academy of Sciences awards every five years the Jean Reynaud prize of \$53,200 for the best original work in mathematics.—Scientific American.

Mark Twain's Advice.

Mark Twain was a firm believer in the higher education of woman, but Hartford still remembers a speech he made one June to a platform of Hartford girl graduates.

This speech, a humorous attack on the college girl, ended:

"Go forth. Fall in love. Marry. Set up housekeeping. And then, when your husband wants a shirt ironed, send out for a girl to do it with."

Pride of Pedigree.

"Who was that you just spoke to?" "Can't think of his name just now, but he is a descendant of one of the old families."

"He hasn't got over it yet?" "My boy, they never do." — Richmond Times Dispatch.



COAL

WANTS

Notices under this head will be charged for at the rate of one cent a word for the first insertion and one-half a cent a word for each subsequent insertion, strictly cash in advance, but no ad will be taken for less than fifteen cents.

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WANTED—Woman for housework. Call at 1011 Kinkwood St. 1741f

WANTED—Good girl for general housework, inquire Mrs. J. R. Smith, 423 North Broadway. 1721f

WANTED—Good girl for general housework. No washing. Apply to Mrs. Dr. Thabes, 417 Holly St. 1741f

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Barn, cheap. 722 So. Broadway. 1741f

FOR RENT—Two rooms, modern, for light housekeeping. 716½ Laurel St. 1741f

OR RENT—Modern, five-room house 402 Quince street. Inquire C. B. Rowley. 1721f

FOR SALE

FULL size Walnut billiard table for sale cheap. C. A. Albright. 1571f

FOR SALE—Second handed touring car for sale in good shape. Apply to Louis Alberts, Phone 12-2. 17516p

FOUND—At charity ball last night ladies for neck piece. Call Dispatch office, identify and pay for ad. 1751f

FOR SALE—Eight 50 foot lots in West Brainerd, store building and lot in village of Cuyuna, and 80 acres w½ nw¼ section 34, township 44, range 31, Crow Wing county, mortgaged for \$300. Must be sold to close estate. C. A. Albright, trustee. 1571f

HARMFUL REST.

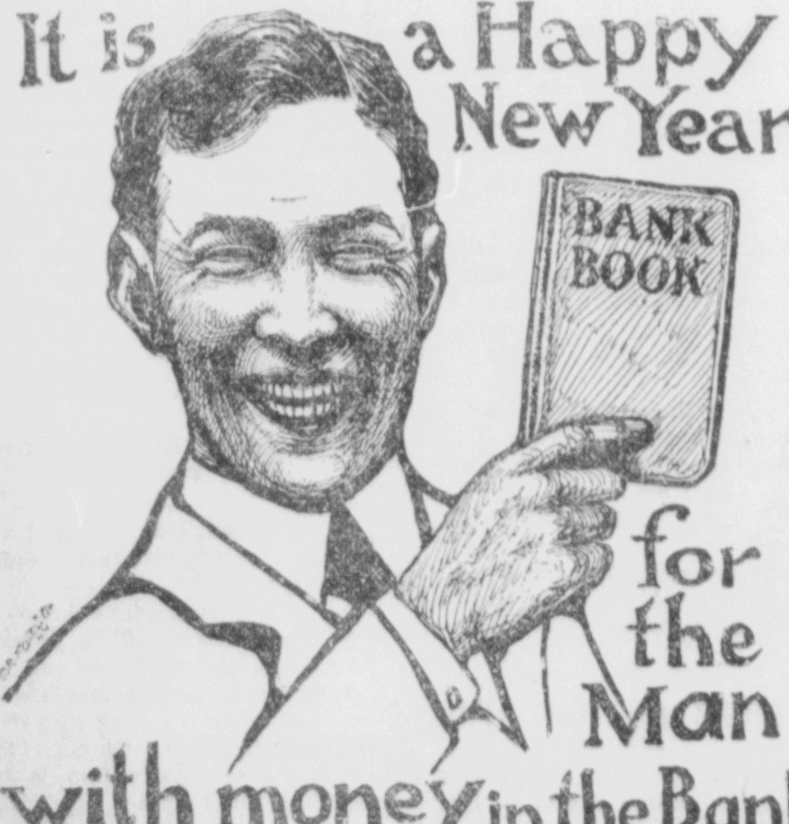
Let us beware that our rest become not the rest of stones, which so long as they are torrent tossed maintain their majesty, but when the stream is silent and the storm passed suffer the grass to cover them and the lichen to feed upon them and are plowed down into the dust.—Ruskin.

Showing the Way.

Friend (to guide)—Why does your wife always go round with the parties that you take over the castle? Guide—She always gives me a tip at the end so as to induce the others to follow suit.—London Answers.

Help Your Liver—It Pays

When your liver gets torpid and your stomach acts queer, take Dr. King's New Life Pills and you will find yourself feeling better. They purify the blood, give you freedom from constipation, biliousness, dizziness and indigestion. You feel fine—just like you want to feel. Clear the complexion too. 25c at druggists.—Adv. tta




It is a Happy New Year

for the Man with money in the Bank

If you didn't start a bank account last year, start one now—RIGHT NOW. Every New Year brings you one year nearer the time when you won't be ABLE to earn as much as you do now.


If you start a bank account now, each New Year will be a happier one and the time will come when you can stop work and live on your money.

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We Pay Interest on Time and Saving Deposits



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WOMAN'S REALM

Fine Feathers Make
Very Fine FansBY MARGARET MASON
(Written for United Press)

Let a dear little maid
Take a dear little fan
And the things that she can
Do to any poor man
Are a lot, I'm afraid.

New York, Dec. 28.—When the snow flies, little Miss Up-to-date takes her fan in hand even as she does fur in the August sweater. She would as soon think of going to opera or ball fanless as manless. And what fans! Fine feathers certainly make fine fans and fans of a feather flock together this season as never before.

But they don't open and shut together as much as they used to, for the very newest form of feather fan is as old as the Queen of Sheba and consists of a gorgeous cluster of ostrich plumes poised on a single stick and stuck together this season as never before.

The most vivid hued ostrich plumes are used and bright purple, yellow, green or blue, they make an effective high light of color for any costume. The white or black feather fans seem still to cling to the open and shut model with their sticks of tortoise shell or amber usually gold inlaid or gem encrusted.

Ostrich feather fans still open and shut also but they aren't quite on the level either. Instead of forming the orthodox, symmetrical semi-sphere of a fan, they begin stubby and low down on one side and work up gradually to their highest point on the opposite side.

Peacock feather fans are the most fancied of fantastic fans. They come either in the open and shut model or in the one stick effects. The latter are stunning and oriental on long, carved handles of gold inlaid ivory hand-carved, or jade.

Behind the many glowing eyes in the peacock's tail feathers, you can but expect a fair maid to make more eyes. Nor is it surprising that she should be much eyed.

Square fans that aren't on the square since they artfully reveal tiny mirrors and even vanity cases with powder puffs on their reverse sides and lip sticks up their handles are bizarre and garishly ultra-modern with futuristic decorations and colorings.

Perhaps the most snareful of all is the one of silver gauze wired in silver to simulate a spider's web with two crystal drops of dew glistening in its meshes.

Well welded in the skillful hands of a 1916 debutante, it should never fall to make the fly catch of the season.

For Dorris Mae Grewco

Dorris Mae Grewco passed the second mile stone in her career and the little lady signaled it by giving a birthday party to which were invited half a dozen friends of her age and their mammas too.

A delightful luncheon was served, the little ones being seated at a table all by themselves. Miss Dorris presided and bore herself with that aplomb which distinguishes a two-year old when she is giving a really, truly party.

The guests included Kenneth Horn, Carl Zapffe, Gunheld Hansing, Ivydel Duffey, Harriet Bennett and Gordon Wright. And each was also accompanied by his mamma, who were entertained by Mrs. Grewco.

Roller Skating Party

Alumni of the high school will entertain in honor of the Booster Girls club of the high school at a roller skating party this evening. All alumni and former high school students are invited.

All arrangements have been completed, so there will be no slip ups or fall downs on any of the plans of the skating committee. It promises to be one of the most novel entertainments of the season.

Ladies' Aid Society

The Ladies' Aid society of the German Evangelical church will meet at the home of Mrs. Knutzen, 503 1st avenue N. E., on Wednesday, December 29th. A cordial invitation to attend this meeting is extended to all members and friends.

Bethlehem Aid

The Ladies Aid of the Bethlehem Lutheran church will meet with Mrs. M. J. Reis Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 29. This is the last meeting of the year and a good attendance is anticipated.

SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS

Three Weeks' Revival Meeting at Henning Carried on by Rev. Clarence J. Martin

The Henning Advocate mentions the remarkable success attained by Rev. Clarence J. Martin in revival meetings he had charge of at Henning. His picture is published with the article which is given prominence on the front page of the weekly paper.

Rev. Martin began a revival meeting in the large Mt. View school house, four miles east of Henning, where he continued one week. Near the end of the week about thirty persons made public decision for the Christian life. By invitation of Rev. C. A. Dahlquist, pastor of the Swedish Baptist church and Rev. J. O. Hunter, pastor of the Methodist church of Henning, Rev. Martin began a union meeting in Henning November 21. These meetings drew large crowds from the very start. The greatest number making profession at one time was in the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5, when 46 came forward, ranging in age from nine to seventy years. One of the features of the meeting was the choir of about eighteen voices.

In summing up the work of Rev. Martin, the Henning Advocate says Mr. Martin is an orator in the pulpit, using fine, yet plain language, and drawing the large audience with him by his preaching. He has the rare gift of leading Christians to do personal work and every possible talent is shown a place where and how to use it.

THE MODISH SKIRT.

All Correctly Put Up For Mornings In the House Is This Girl.

Blue and green plaid velvet features this skirt, which is belted with plain blue velvet, just as the pockets are out-



GOOD FORM.

lined with the same material. The hip fullness extends around the back, and with the skirt is worn a modish blouse of flesh colored crepe de chine. Striped velvet, uncut corduroys and contrasting plaids are favorites for this model.

The Idealistic.

Never believe that your life is going to be better and stronger if you cut out all the dreams and aspirations. The people who never get beyond their immediate vocations do not do the best work in life. There are two paths in life, the materialistic and the idealistic, and it is for us to choose which we will walk in. A strong life, a true life, a noble life, can never be lived by any man or woman without the presence of what fools have always called and always will call—the unreal.—Henry van Dyke.

A Sunny Morning Face.

A principle of psychology which every mother should know is that the last thought before going to sleep makes the deepest impression. The last thought is sure to be the first waking thought. A child should never be punished just before going to bed if you wish to create in him a joyous disposition. A happy bedtime will mean a sunny morning face.

No one can be at his best morally and spiritually unless he is at his best physically. No child can be improved morally by being injured physically. To send a child away from the table hungry or to send him supperless to bed is a relic of barbarism. A happy bedtime and a happy mealtime are the right of every child.

Birth Rate Fall
a War EvilBY WILBUR S. FOREST
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

London, Nov. 30 (By Mail).—Ravages of war on Great Britain's peaceful civilian population sums up 77,000 fewer babies and more than 50,000 additional deaths as compared with the peaceful year of 1913, according to statistics available today.

Seventeen thousand fewer babies than in 1913 have been born in the county of London alone. In Greater London, which includes contiguous suburbs, there is a birth decrease of 25,000 within the year while 15,000 more civilians than normally have died. London's outer ring, which includes cities not properly termed suburbs, has had 8,000 fewer infants and 5,000 more deaths than in 1913. Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Dublin, Edinburgh and Glasgow also are affected. In addition to the babies unborn, the United Kingdom's frightful infant mortality, indirectly due to the war, is mounting. Public efforts have been instituted to combat the latter condition, but the fall in the birth rate is regarded as an evil directly attributable to the general devastating influence of war.

The excess of civilian mortality is ascribed by medical authorities to the excitement of the war and resultant consumption, cerebral hemorrhage and heart disease, principally the latter, superinduced by worry and shock. The majority of civilian war victims is persons more than fifty years of age. Four hundred such deaths occurred in London during the single week ending November 20. Figures on the birth and mortality rates in Berlin, the next greatest European war city, show that the German capital is losing civilians at the rate of 400 a week. The birth rate is more than 400 less a week than normally. Hamburg, Cologne, Breslau and other German cities also are suffering natural death far in excess of the birth rate. Vienna reports indicate that the Austrian capital is losing 400 citizens a week, either thru death or non-existent maternity. Births in Paris are about 350 a week as against 800 normally. The weekly civilian death rate has not been officially computed. What all belligerent nations and cities have suffered in civilian citizenship losses proportionately, out of the estimated 5,000,000 military casualties of the world war to date, can be accurately estimated only after peace is declared.

CHRISTMAS SALADS.

Delicious Combinations That the Home-comers Will Like.

Place two pieces of canned asparagus on a white lettuce leaf. Across the asparagus put two strips of sweet red pepper. Dress with French dressing, well seasoned with paprika.

Remove the top from a sweet red pepper and fill it with Camembert and cream cheese mashed together. Cut it in quarter inch slices. On each plate place a couple of lettuce leaves and on them put a thick slice of sweet, juicy orange. On this place a slice of the cheese stuffed pepper. Pour French dressing over it and serve.

Put a slice of pared tart apple on a lettuce leaf and on it place a thick slice of tomato, then another slice of apple and another of tomato. Top with a spoonful of mayonnaise.

Remove the pits from dates and stuff with cream cheese. On each plate put a slice of pineapple on a lettuce leaf. Add three stuffed dates, pour French dressing over it and serve.

Add chopped pecans to cottage cheese and form into small balls. Serve three or four with each service of crisp lettuce, dressed either with French or mayonnaise dressing.

On a piece of endive place alternately segments of orange from which the inner skin is removed, and similarly shaped pieces of tart apple. Dress with French dressing.

Avocados or alligator pears make a

BEST THEATRE

Home of Features
Matinee Sunday

Tonight "THE ESCAPE" Tonight

A photo-drama in seven reels written in the belief that all men are brothers and that human beings collectively are responsible for human beings individually, a drama of the eugenic science showing many phases of life ranging from the realistic to the visionary, from poverty to affluence from horror to supreme happiness.

TOMORROW--"VALLEY OF THE MISSING" BLUE RIBBON MATINEE AT 3

Each woman and child holding a ticket given with each pound of Blue Ribbon Steel Cut Coffee will be admitted to the Matinee on Wednesday afternoon at 3 P. M.

Latest Photos of Actress Who is Near Death



Sarah Bernhardt

These photographs of the great many facts about her life.

Sarah Bernhardt, who is reported to be near death, are the very latest taken of her. She posed for them less than a month ago. They were obtained by John Tippet, European representative of the Universal Film Manufacturing Company, for its screen production, "Jeanne Dore," Mme. Bernhardt told Mr. Tippet.

delicious salad cut in cubes and served with a well seasoned French dressing on crisp white lettuce leaves.

Three or four pieces of canned asparagus, drained and chilled, served on a lettuce leaf with French dressing, to which a chopped sweet green pepper has been added, make another good salad that is not much trouble.

BEAUTY.

Beauty is God's handwriting, a wayside sacrament. Welcome it, then, in every fair face, every fair sky, every fair flower, and be sure that even yet gayer meadows and yet bluer skies await thee in the world to come.—Charles Kingsley.

Roast Duck.

For the roast duck or duckling, as the case may be, there is nothing nicer than a good savory bread stuffing, though many people like an oyster or some other fancy dressing. For the savory bread stuffing take the day before it is needed a loaf of baker's bread and with a sharp knife cut off very thinly the crust of the entire loaf. Then break the bread into pieces and put it into a square of cheesecloth, tie up and hang it in the air.

When ready to make the stuffing, comb the bread fine and add to it the juice of a large onion, pepper, salt, a quarter pound of butter cut into small pieces, a teaspoonful of powdered sage, a dash of mace, a little sweet basil, a little sweet marjoram, a gill of cream and one beaten egg. Mix the dressing thoroughly; if it seems a little dry add a little more, as the butter and meat juices will moisten it sufficiently.

FLAK ITEMS

Miss Eunice Baldorf has returned to her home in Minneapolis to spend the Christmas vacation.

We are very sorry to hear that Mrs. Rardin and daughters Nellie, Ina and Loretta and Mr. and Mrs. Driver and daughter Alice are on the sick list this week.

W. J. Smith, the missionary held religious services in the Flak school house District No. 24. Quite a few attended.

Mrs. Holbrook and little son James called at the Driver home Sunday.

Miss Etta Driver is spending Xmas vacation at her home in Flak.

The Rardin family spent Christmas at the Driver home.

Peter Barto and son William were in Brainerd Friday on business.

Mrs. Walter Williams and three children spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roderick.

Miss Edith Phillips spent Christmas with her parents in Flak.

Miss Alice Driver has been staying with Mrs. W. W. Williams while Mr. Williams is up north hunting and trapping.

Miss Lela Holbrook and brother, Orville were in Brainerd Monday.

Mr. Dickers went to town Monday to meet his wife and daughter Anna. We are very sorry to hear they missed their train.

The traveling library is still at Lewis's. Everyone come and get good books to read.

Frank Barto spent Sunday with Conrad Huseby.

Sunday school is still held in the Flak school house District No. 24. Everybody come and bring someone with you.

A program was given at the Flak school house, District No. 24, on Dec. 23, in connection with the Christmas tree, in order as follows:

Our Greeting Four children
Song, "Xmas Welcome" School
"Just Before Xmas" Raymond Rardin

Greeting Harry Boeder

"Santa and the Mouse" Beulah Lewis

Lullaby Four Girls

Drill, "Xmas Pudding" Eight boys

"All Children Know the Story" Alice Driver

"Why" Dorothy Williams

"Children's Day" Marie Williams

The Stockings Christmas" Oscar Boeder

"Bonnie's Christmas Dream" Lela Holbrook

"Mr. St. Nicholas," a dialogue. Song, "Jolly Old St. Nicholas"

"The Stranger Child" Nellie Rardin

"Lo, a Star O'er David's City" At drugists. 25c.—Adv.

BIG EATERS GET
KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take a glass of Salts before breakfast if your Back hurts or Bladder bothers you.

The American men and women must guard constantly against kidney trouble, because we eat too much and all our food is rich. Our blood is filled with uric acid which the kidneys strive to filter out, they weaken from overwork, become sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health. When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead; your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with sick headache or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or you have rheumatism when the weather is bad, get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys; to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water beverage, and belongs in every home, because nobody can make a mistake by having a good kidney flushing any time.

Albert Bolder
"Whose Boy am I?" Henry Dickens

"Grandpa Santa Claus" Harry Bolder

Song, "Christmas Bells" School

"Pick Pockets" Orville Holbrook

"The Best Fruit" Fae Lewis

"Little Jack's Xmas," a dialogue

"The Last Hymn" Lela Holbrook

"A Happy Good Night to You" Leonard Rardin and Sarah Lewis

The program was read by Miss Genevieve Huseby.

ROSE.

War Upon Pain!

Pain is a visitor to every home and usually it comes quite unexpectedly. But you are prepared for every emergency if you keep a small bottle of Sloan's Liniment handy. It is the greatest pain killer ever discovered. Simply laid on the skin—no rubbing required—it drives the pain away. It is really wonderful. Mervin H. Soister, Berkeley, Cal., writes: "Last Saturday, after tramping around the Panama Exposition with wet feet, I came home with my neck so stiff that I couldn't turn. I applied Sloan's Liniment freely and went to bed. To my surprise, next morning the stiffness had almost disappeared, four hours after the second application I was as good as new. March, 1915." At drugists. 25c.—Adv.



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1915.

We are reading these days that Sweden is experiencing the most severe weather in 150 years, the thermometer having reached 62 degrees below zero.

A returned Minneapolis man, who is a war correspondent for the London Globe, tells the twin city papers that President Wilson's foreign war policy is regarded as a joke on the other side of the big pond. And all the good democratic papers throughout Minnesota are explaining to their constituents that Stanley Washburn does not know what he is talking about when he makes this statement.

One has got to hand it to the muskrat that he is a wise little animal in many respects, but whether he is a "really" weather prophet, as many a man maintains, is still a question of doubt in the minds of many. If he is up in the art then look out, for the homes of the rats are built deep in the ground this year and rats are developing a long and thick hair covering, all of which goes to show, according to the trapper, that we are to have a long, cold winter, and trappers swear by the muskrat as a never failing barometer.

"Sixty days and—" not "60 days or," remember this. The Little Falls Transcript reads, a lesson to the individual who would lift the Indian lid; in the following language:

It is very evident from conversations had with several of those who were recently arrested for tilting the Indian treaty lid that they do not realize the severe penalty attached to conviction in these cases. A person convicted of violating the federal law in this respect is not given the option of a fine and the minimum sentence that can be given is 60 days' confinement and \$100 fine. This does not mean 60 days "or" \$100 but 60 days "and" \$100. And the prisoner can be kept in confinement until the fine has been paid.

The St. Cloud Journal-Press says the rent has been raised on postoffice boxes in that city, and suggests that there would not be so much objection to the raise by the box patrons if the postoffice department would give the local office enough clerks so that the mail could be promptly handled and insure an early delivery of the mail through these same boxes after it has been received. The "economists" down at Washington do not consider that increased business in the post-offices demands more help to handle it to the satisfaction of the public, and St. Cloud is not an exception to the rule in this matter, for many postoffices throughout the northwest could use a little more help judiciously if Uncle Sam could be made to understand the needs, but he does not even seem to be from Missouri in this matter.

"Calderwood ready to lead the dry hosts into the promised land from the polls next year," is the heading of a bulletin issued by the prohibition press association of the state, which states that he has practically agreed to head the ticket for the dry forces in 1916. "In response to letters from all over the state." There will unquestionably be a stiff campaign put up at the next election and if all factions of the dry forces unite they will come nearer reaching the coveted goal than ever before, but it is not expected that even with the dry victories in various parts of the state and the application of the Indian lid that they will elect a governor in Minnesota for some time to come. There are many voters in the dry counties of the state who assisted in ousting the saloons from the community who will not assist in the election of a prohibition candidate for governor.

A Sure Way of Saving.

An ingenious method of putting his savings beyond his own reach was adopted by a German writer who found from dire experience that all his profits melted away as soon as earned. Having made \$80,000 by a fortunate literary speculation, he placed the whole of the money, together with his will in the Imperial Deposit bank at Berlin and receiving the receipt from the cashier, he tore it up. The cashier thought it was a joke and told him angrily that it would take fully three years before he could get it. "That's just what I have here on the original," calmly remarked the depositor, "and now the money is safe for that time."

1915 Review of the War

BY J. W. T. MASON
(Written for the United Press)

Note—The Dispatch will publish an international review, a domestic review and a review of the United Press staff chiefs in the principal European capitals in connection with this series.

New York, Dec. 28—Germany has won the overland pathway to her place in the sun, as the close of the fighting of 1915 merges into the second winter of the European war. But the seas still remain shut to the Teutons and economic distress and food scarcity are exerting a more pronounced pressure for peace in the Central Empires than among the other belligerent nations.

The primary cause of the war has been lost this year to both of the original participants. The conflict began over the irreconcilable Balkan differences of Russia and Austro-Hungary. Each power wanted to be supreme in Southeastern Europe. The end of the fighting in 1915 finds Russia held in check beyond the Balkan border, while Austro-Hungary is playing a minor military part in Serbia under the direction of Marshal von Mackensen and the German general staff. German influences are now dominant in the Balkans. The Kaiser has wrested the first prize of the war from the Slavs themselves, and from his own southern ally as well.

Bulgaria's entrance into the conflict on the side of the Teutons has been the year's most important development. The military consequences which have followed Bulgaria's action, have given to the Germans a clear road from Berlin to Bagdad. The Mesopotamian metropolis has long been marked by German statements to become the Berlin of the Middle East and the center of Germany's place in the sun. The year's events having opened for Germany the rear entrance into Bagdad, the Kaiser must continue to fight to the point of exhaustion for permanent possession of this precious right of way. The British fleet can prevent Germany from expanding overseas, but it cannot block the road to the new empire in the east. This is the dominant reason for Germany's interest in Bagdad.

An Anglo-Indian expedition, after twelve months' toil northward through Mesopotamia from the Persian Gulf, is now trying to enter Bagdad by the front door. But the Turks under German leadership have thrust the invaders ninety miles to the south of Bagdad, and the city at the close of the year remains safe for the Teutons. Nevertheless, during the year's fighting, the British have captured the Garden of Eden and other territory between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers greatly desired by Germany. If the German dream of a Teutonic empire in the Middle East is to come true, the district between Bagdad and the Garden of Eden, 250 miles to the south, must either be won by a new military offensive, or purchased in the peace conference after the war.

The military developments of the year make it certain that the Russian bear will not be able to take his drink of warm water at the Persian Gulf; and little less than a miracle must now happen to give the Czar Constantinople for an outlet to the unfrozen seas. The British effort to enter Constantinople by way of the Gallipoli Peninsula has failed during the year, and Great Britain is now reluctant to undertake a second costly experiment in southeastern Europe for Russia's sake. The ease with which the Teutons and Bulgarians have been able to overrun Serbia apparently has been due to Great Britain's disinclination to risk wasting her strength in a major Balkan offensive. The odds all favor the Teutonic allies in the Balkans because of their unimpeded lines of communication.

British interest in the Balkan campaign is primarily due to its bearing on the security of Egypt. Lord Kitchener's visit to the Levant during the latter part of the year and his quick return, seem to have created a belief in London that Egypt is not in any immediate jeopardy. The British now apparently have concluded that Egypt can be better defended along the Suez Canal than in the Balkans. The advantage of communications, which the Germans possess in the Balkans, would pass to the British if the Teutons and Turks were to attempt an offensive by crossing the desert to the east of Suez.

The Russians however, are urgently pressing Great Britain to pursue the Balkan campaign. Otherwise, the czar will probably be the war's principal loser. His own troops, fighting, as the year ends, to invade Bulgaria by way of Rumania, can hardly prove equal to the task, unaided. The Teutons, Bulgarians

and Turks have certainly 700,000 men available for Balkan operations and this force might possibly be increased to a million. Unquestionably differences of opinion have arisen among the allies during the year because of divergent Balkan military policies. The conflicting interests have not been reconciled in detail as the year ends.

Russia's defeat on her own soil by the combined Austro-Hungarian and German offensives this summer was not sufficiently decisive to cause the czar to sue for a separate peace. The Grand Duke Nicholas saved the greater part of his armies, and although he was removed from his command because of the loss of Galicia and the Vistula defenses, he prevented the Kaiser from compelling the czar to surrender. The Russian military failure was followed by the suppression of the Duma, the popular legislative body, and the Council of the Empire, the bureaucratic legislative house. The czar is now governing by fiat as a complete autocrat, relying neither on the people themselves nor on the bureaucracy.

The year has seen no change of importance along the western battlefield. The French in Champagne, and the French and British in Artois attempted to develop a simultaneous major offensive during the last week in September, but without success. The Germans lost a few miles of trenches, but they were able to check the enemy before the drives threatened to compel a general retirement toward the German frontier. The result of the costly experiment showed that the Teutonic trenches are not impregnable, but also revealed the fact that the Anglo-French general staffs have not solved the problem of following up one successful attack by another in the face of German artillery.

Italy's entrance into the war this year has had disappointing results for Great Britain, Russia and France. The Italians, after seven months' fighting have not gained as much territory as Austria offered to cede last spring in exchange for Italy's benevolent neutrality. The principal factor working against Italian success has been the superiority which trench warfare gives to an army on the defensive. The Roman government is now facing serious though subdued criticism at home. As the year ends, there are reports that pressure is being subdued in favor of the return to power of the veteran pro-German premier Giolitti. Italy has signed an agreement with the other members of the Quadruple Entente not to make a separate peace, but if Signor Giolitti were to be made prime minister, he would undoubtedly use his influence for peace at the earliest moment.

The financial situation among all the belligerents has steadily grown more and more serious as the expenses of the conflict during the year have ceaselessly mounted. The total daily cost of the war is now about \$85,000,000, two-thirds of which is being paid by the Quadruple Entente, and one-third by Germany and her allies. The British, who have been most lavish in their payments, have also been the most sincere in facing the critical monetary problems of the war. Great Britain alone among the belligerents has begun to shoulder the financial burden of the conflict by accepting large war taxes. Elsewhere the war is prolonged almost exclusively on borrowed money. It is probable that the exhaustion of golden bullets, and the accompanying danger of economic disaster will be the principal determining factors in bringing the war to an end.

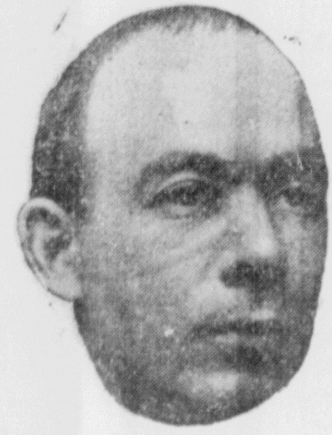
The food situation in Germany and Austro-Hungary, has become more serious this year than last, but has not grown sufficiently hazardous to compel the Teutons to accept peace. It is a contributing cause, nevertheless, to the persistent desire for peace which is more apparent in Germany as the year closes than anywhere else. A nation which will consent to live on half rations indefinitely if it is fighting a defensive war, may refuse a long curtailment of food if the government has offensive purpose in view. As this year's fighting drew to an end, Dr. von Bethmann-Holweg, the German chancellor, declared in the Reichstag that Germany was fighting a defensive war to prevent herself being crushed by the allies. But, last August, Dr. Helfferich, the German Minister of Finance, announced, also in the Reichstag, that Germany's war expenses would be paid by an indemnity collected from the enemy. The year is closing without any disavowal from Berlin of Dr. Helfferich's intimation of conquest.

Russian Pancakes.

Set a sponge with four cups of flour, half a compressed yeast cake and milk enough for a stiff dough. Let it rise overnight, and in the morning add three tablespoons of butter, four eggs, two tablespoons of sugar and the grated rind of a lemon. Mix thoroughly. Form into balls with orange marmalade, about a teaspoonful, in the middle. Let rise again and fry in fat



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The Income Tax in for Hard Winter

(United Press Correspondence.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28—The income tax law is in for a long, hard winter. The president, the supreme court, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and any number of committees and factions in congress have designs on the act. It may appear strong and well in the spring, it may be crippled and it may be dead. The fate of the law and of the many amendments which are being planned rests largely upon the supreme court's decision in the five cases pending. If the law comes through that ordeal whole, it must still pass into the hands of congress. President Wilson wants the exemptions of the tax lowered, and the surtax started at a lower figure and increased more rapidly than at present. Secretary McAdoo wants the rates of taxation on both individual and corporate incomes increased, the exemptions reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,000 for single persons and from \$4,000 to \$3,000 for married; and the surtax started at \$10,000 or \$15,000 instead of \$20,000. Many administration men in congress will seek to amend the law in conformity with these plans. Senator Owen wants the tax increased to fifty percent of incomes of \$50,000 a year and up. Republicans are expected to introduce bills removing the "collection at the source" feature and possibly lightening the surtax. The income tax law became effective Oct. 3, 1913, after a constitutional amendment for it had been ratified by three-fourths of the states. Most tax authorities favored it because it was to be the largest trial on this continent of a system designed to make tax dodging difficult. The administration liked it because it brought a revenue of \$80,000,000 a year. Now the administration wants to raise more revenue by this means and opponents of income taxation want to amend it to raise less. The present law provides an exemption up to \$3,000 of income for single persons and \$4,000 for married persons. One percent is collected on incomes up to \$20,000, on amounts between that and \$50,000 an additional one percent and further increases up to six percent on incomes over \$50,000. It is this increase above one percent, the surtax, which with "collection at the source" is being fought. To prevent the hiding of incomes the law ordered that all companies paying dividends on stocks and bonds deduct the amount of the tax and pay it to the government before they paid the dividends to the stock and bond holders.

This is the "collection at the source" feature. There was an immediate wait when the tax first took effect, and several taxpayers took their cases into court. These have sifted down to the five now before the supreme court. In these five almost every provision of the law is attacked, and upon the decision of the court rests the constitutionality of all of these provisions. A decision is expected at any time, but it is possible the court will wait until Justice Lamar, now ill, returns to the bench, before making a decision. Congress is expected to go ahead with its amendments, if the court decision is not returned soon.

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FATAL RIDICULE.

Youths of Ancient Alexandria Paid For Their Caustic Wit.

In ancient days the impudent wit of the young Greco-Egyptian dandy was proverbial, says Arthur E. P. Brome Weigall in "The Life and Times of Cleopatra." That was especially true in Alexandria, whose people were characterized by the Emperor Hadrian as "light, wavering, seditious, vain and spiteful, although as a body wealthy and prosperous."

No sooner did a statesman assume office or a king come to the throne than the wags of the city gave him some scurrilous nickname that stuck to him throughout the remainder of his life. Thus Ptolemy IX, was called "The Blotted," Ptolemy X, "The Vetch" and Ptolemy XIII, "The Piper." Seleucus they named "Pickled Fish Peddler," and in later times Vespasian was named "Scullion."

When King Herod Agrippa passed through the city on his way to his insecure throne these young Alexandrians dressed up an unfortunate madman whom they had found in the streets, put a paper crown upon his head and a reed in his hand and led him through the town, hailing him as king of the Jews and that in spite of the fact that Agrippa was the close friend of Caligula, their emperor. Against Vespasian they told, with delight, the story of how he had pestered one of his friends for the payment of a trifling loan of 6 oboli, and some one made up a song in which that fact was recorded.

They ridiculed Caracalla for dressing himself like Alexander the Great, although his stature was below the average, but in that case they had not reckoned with their man. His frightful re-

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In the making of mince pies, which form a part of a regular Christmas feast, mince was the only meat formerly used, as a commemoration of the shepherds that were watched on the holy night by the shepherds of Bethlehem. The spices were supposed to be suggestive of the wise men from the east, the land of spices.

Christmas of the Shetland Islands. A scene less popular but not less striking is old Christmas eve, the 4th of January, when the children and young men of Lerwick, in the Shetland islands, go a-guizing. The children disguise themselves in strange dresses, parade the streets and invade the houses and shops begging for offerings. At 1 o'clock the young men, coarsely clad, drag blazing tar barrels through the town, blowing horns and cheering. At 6 o'clock in the morning they put on their grimy clothes and dressed in fantastic costumes go in groups to wish their friends the season's compliments.—Harper's Magazine.

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APPOINTED BY GOV. HAMMOND

Dr. Werner Hemstead Receives Commission Making Him Member of State Board of Health

APPOINTMENT WELL RECEIVED

Dr. Hemstead is Prominent in Medical Business and Banking Life of the City

Coming as a Christmas present from Governor W. S. Hammond, for the commission was received Christmas day, Dr. Werner Hemstead of this city has been made a member of the state board of health.

There are nine members on the board and the term of service is nine years. Each year three new members are appointed. The selection of Dr. Hemstead meets with general satisfaction in Brainerd.

Dr. Hemstead is prominent in the medical, business and banking world in Brainerd and is largely interested in mineral lands near Brainerd. As a physician and surgeon he has seen wide practice and at one time, before Dr. Walter Courtney's time, was assistant surgeon at the Northern Pacific railway hospital.

OIL INSPECTION

Reform Instituted by Andrew Jackson Rush, State Oil Inspector. Says John M. Taylor

In speaking of his duties as deputy oil inspector, John M. Taylor of Brainerd, mentioned the reforms instituted by State Oil Inspector Andrew Jackson Rush under the present democratic regime.

Mr. Rush has issued an order that all dealers in gasoline be instructed to post a statement of the gravity test of the oil sold. Oil inspection, as formerly practiced, has been a farce because very little protection was afforded the consumer, the dealer getting all the protection.

Gasoline standards will be upheld. Mr. Taylor as well as the sixty-six other assistants has been instructed to see that dealers state the gravity of gasoline on placards.

"The commercial value of gasoline is based on its 'Beaume gravity test,'" said Mr. Rush in an interview. "As retailers are charging from 5 to 7 cents more a gallon for 68-70 than for 58-60 gasoline, those who are willing to pay for the 68-70 gasoline should know they are getting that quality."

WOOD SAWING

All orders filled promptly. Leave orders with Hitch Fuel Co., or Antlers hotel. Chas. Peterson. 17555p

\$22,000 FIRE AT PINE RIVER

"Fire at 11 o'clock Monday night," according to official report received by Minnesota & International railway offices at Brainerd, "destroyed the Barclay hotel and the general store of R. E. Snell at Pine River. No loss to railway property."

The origin of the fire is unknown. Telephone wires were burned out at Pine River and Western Union and railway wires are suffering with wire trouble. The Snell store loss at this point is estimated at \$10,000 and the hotel, two-story structure, lately remodeled and with a new heating plant installed, is estimated at \$10,000 loss. The telephone exchange of the Pine River Telephone Co. is believed damaged or destroyed and its loss would be about \$2,000.

The wind was blowing in a northerly direction, sweeping the flames from the hotel to the store and telephone exchange.

The Barclay hotel was a landmark of northern Minnesota. The first hotel near the site was built by John Barclay near his homestead and the saloon was known to every river driver and cruiser in the north. Barclay met his death in his hotel over fifteen years ago when some party unknown fired through a window and killed him.

George Bell then operated the hotel and made many improvements. The building was owned by Mrs. J. G. Dawes.

Heroic work on the part of all Pine River saved the town from destruction last night. The wind whipped the blaze and sent embers flying in all sections. Burned roofs are seen everywhere. After Barclay's hotel, R. E. Snell's general store, A. J. Linden's offices and smaller places had burned, the Minnesota & International railway depot was saved at great exertion. The gasoline lighting plant in the hotel exploded and the tank flew skyward and tore through the roof of a blacksmith shop.

Dynamite was used to blow up barns and prevent further spread. Armed with buckets the men fought desperately. The chemical was soon used up. The old force pump fire wagon manned by six men was of little use. All night stores and homes put their belongings in the streets and drays moved the stuff out of the fire limit. No fatalities or injuries recorded.

Pine River needs a brand new fire fighting equipment and after last night's experience no one in town will kick when the improvement is made.

Blackmail in England. Blackmail in a serious case may be punished with penal servitude for life in England.

CHARITY BALL GREAT SUCCESS

Knights of Columbus Hall in Citizens State Bank Building Crowded With Dancers

GENEROSITY OF THE K. C.'s

Donated Hall and Entire Floor—Chamber of Commerce to Give Donation Too

The charity ball given Monday evening at the Knights of Columbus hall in the Citizens State bank building was a glowing background for the many beautiful costumes of the ladies.

The Blue Ribbon orchestra of five pieces discoursed sweet music and the dancing continued to midnight. Large Christmas bells of red color were suspended from the ceiling and festoons swung from the center to the walls. Many colored lights furnished illumination. In the corners of the hall were Christmas trees decorated with all the tinsel and splendor of Yuletide and glowing with miniature electric lights. Poinsettias named from the windows and walls.

Sixteen dance numbers and many encores were played. Floor arrangements were absolutely perfect. Every one had a most enjoyable time. Two committees were in charge. Of the Chamber of Commerce were Rev. G. P. Sheridan, chairman, Will Spencer, Carl Wright, Fred Stout, Lowry Smith, R. R. Gould. Of the Brainerd Musical club were Mrs. E. O. Webb, chairman, Mrs. Werner Hemstead, Mrs. James M. Elder, Mrs. Henry Theviot, Miss Anne Mahlum, Miss Norma Brady.

In disposing of tickets in advance of the charity ball, the ladies sold fully 75 per cent of the total. Over 200 tickets were sold.

Mention should be made of the generosity of the Knights of Columbus. When the hall was first engaged, the regular price was charged. When the Knights of Columbus became aware that it was purely a charitable undertaking, they donated the hall free and also gave the use of the whole floor. They had the floor cleaned and on their own initiative had the piano in the hall tuned. Such whole-hearted generosity is not often encountered and on all sides one hears unstinted praise of the part the Knights of Columbus played in making the charity ball a big success.

Following closely the example of the Sir Knights or K. C.'s, as they are familiarly called, the house and social committee of the Chamber of Commerce will soon meet and in all probability a recommendation will be carried that the balance of all expenses incurred shall be borne by the Chamber of Commerce.

Commencing 8:30 in the evening there was a short musicale in which prominent musicians of the city took part. They were generous with their encores too. Morris D. Folsom played a piano solo, Miss Elizabeth Armstrong sang, Edwin Harris Bergh played a violin selection. S. F. Alderman was sick and so the due to be given by Mrs. George D. LaBar and Mr. Alderman could not be sung.

DEPOT IS BURNED

Laporte Depot of Minnesota & International Railway Burned Christmas Evening

Santa Claus had no present for the Minnesota & International railway at Laporte. Instead there was a fire at the depot and the chimney and whole thing burned up and most of its contents entailing a loss to the company of at least \$1,500 besides the vexation of being without a station at that point.

While the station agent, W. L. Simmons, was away, the depot caught fire. All the office records and furniture were saved, but some of the heavy freight burned. Mr. Simmons and family lived in one end of the building and all their furniture down stairs was taken out, but their clothing, bedding and everything upstairs was lost.

IN MUNICIPAL COURT

Two Cases up Before Judge Gustave Halvorson are Continued.

Nature of Cases. Two cases called in municipal court before Judge Gustave Halvorson have been continued. Edward Harris has filed a complaint charging George Fleischer with committing assault and battery in the third degree near sections 24 and 25, on December 23 in the township of St. Mathias. The case was continued to Dec. 30, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Charles R. Wunderlich has filed a complaint charging Julius Nyhart with killing his brood sow. The case was continued to Dec. 31, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

TERRIBLY INJURED AT 90, RECOVERS

Falling down a stairway at night, Henry Frazer, aged 90, broke his collar bone, three ribs and hip bone. This was enough to put many a younger man out of the race for good.

Frazer was in bed some months and recovered and today is a chipper as ever and able to walk about and enjoy the holiday season.

One of his sons in Marshal Isaac Frazer, of Ironton, and he said: "Father sure is a wonder. He has his heart set on rounding the century mark and will do even better than that. The cheerful way in which he recovered sets him up in a class by himself. I have seen young men with one rib broken act as though they would die the next minute and here was father cheerful and uncomplaining, never saying a word when his broken bones knit together."

IN CROW WING UPRISING

Former Pioneer of This Section and Who Figured in Indian War is Dead at Home of Daughter

The telegraph brings news of the death of Charles G. Williams at Grand Forks at the home of his daughter. Williams was 86 year old and fought against the Indians at the uprising at Crow Wing in the early days. He later operated a stage coach line long before railroads invaded North Dakota and was also engaged in pioneer development of the Red River valley.

OUR GRIP COLUMN

Miss Ruby Barker is sick with the grip.

The M. & I. dispatcher's office is developing several cases of the grip.

The oddest grip catastrophe occurred at the Northern Pacific depot where a sufferer in the early stages of grip sneezed so violently that he dislodged the gold in his front tooth. Luckily he caught the piece of gold as it was ejected.

City Clerk Anton Mahlum, who had the grip good and plenty early in the season, said he was more than disgusted to find he was getting it a second time. All the handkerchiefs he received Christmas time are coming in handier than he ever thought they would.

"I'm suffering from a dry cough," said one grip patient to the other. "Well, what other kind of a cough can you expect in treaty territory," said his friend.

D. M. Clark has the grip. "Dan" bore up bravely for days, fighting the malady, but stayed home yesterday.

Roy and Ralph Zierke both had the grip simultaneously and their efforts at carrying on a conversation between sneezes and coughs was almost a comedy.

GORDON SCHOOL BREEZES

C. A. Smith went to Minneapolis Monday to get some repairs for his engine and returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Jordan and little son Walter, were in Brainerd Monday. Miss Esther Brisbane was in Brainerd Saturday.

Miss Esther Wicklund of Parkerville was in Brainerd Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Peasley and son John motored to Brainerd Thursday to do their Christmas shopping.

B. Johnson was in town Monday. Little Helen Stearns received a nice little testament for her reward for being present every Sunday at Sunday school since it started.

The Christmas entertainment at the school house Thursday evening was well attended and a nice program was given. Credit is due the teacher, Miss Brisbane, for drilling them so well. The Sunday school remembered each scholar and all left the school house feeling well paid for the time spent.

W. J. Smith, Delos Turner and Guy Peters were out from Brainerd at the Sunday school entertainment Thursday evening.

Mrs. H. Spencer presented Mr. Spencer with a big baby girl Christmas day. Mother and child are getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stearns of Merrifield spent Sunday at H. Stearns. Dr. Joseph Nicholson of Brainerd is attending Mrs. H. Spencer.

W. J. Smith will hold services at the school house January 2 and officers will be elected for the Sunday school for the coming year.

Some of the young folks attended the dance at Merrifield Saturday.

To Play Later

The Crosby Crucible says:—Because members of the Crosby high school basketball team were ill, the game scheduled to have been played in Brainerd, with the high school team of that city, was postponed. Another date will be set when school resumes after the holidays.



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Tomorrow will be held the Blue Ribbon matinee at 3 P. M. The housewives of Brainerd should take advantage of this opportunity of seeing a show and still get more than their money's worth when buying coffee. With each pound of Blue Ribbon Steel Cut Coffee purchased a ticket will be given away that will entitle the holder to one admission of the matinee on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

John Wahl and M. J. Momb, of Duluth, visited the Rowley mine at Barrows today.

"Henpecked Henry"

Halton Powell's famous musical comedy, "Henpecked Henry" will be seen at the Brainerd opera house, Saturday night, January 1, and those who like a hearty laugh and pretty girls are getting ready to enjoy themselves. This show is recognized as the funniest on the road. Its strong point is its laugh provoking qualities. It is so constructed that there is no chance for anyone to withstand it. The biggest grouch in the world would be certain to capitulate to this irresistible attraction. It is built for laughing purposes and played laughingly to laughter that is good for an audience. Prices 25c, 50c, and 75c.

HAY IN CIGARETTES

(By United Press)
Urbana, Ill., Dec. 28.—The only impurity found in cigarettes is hay, according to Dr. Beal of the University of Illinois, who has just completed an exhaustive analysis of leading brands. The use of alfalfa and straw, said Mr. Beal, appears to be on the decline. Dr. Beal found in cigarettes hydrogen sulphide, pyridine, carbon dioxide, ammonia and nicotine, but in such small quantities as to be practically non-injurious.

An Appreciation.

An old sea captain was turning over the leaves of a friend's album when, coming to the photograph of a young lady of whose acquaintance the family was rather proud, he was asked what he thought of her. "Ageel," was the old sea rover's reply. "If I were going to make a rare stroke o' business I'd buy that girl for what she was worth an' sell her for what she thinks she is worth!"—London Mirror.

Learning It.

The Old Married One—You will learn, my dear, that men are most contrary creatures. The Young Married One—Oh, I know that already. The Old Married One—Indeed? The Young Married One—Yes, I cook things my husband likes and yet he doesn't like the things I cook.—Life.

Comparisons.

"A telephone is a great convenience in a suburban home. My wife often calls me up."
"You're lucky. Mine always calls me down."—Baltimore American

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Since it is a muscle its general size and shape and its susceptibility to proper control inform the physician of the muscular condition of the patient, and the state of the mucous membrane that covers it indicates the general systemic condition. A person who suffers from fever of any degree will generally show a "furred" tongue. The word graphically describes the condition, and it is not necessary to be a physician in order to recognize it.

In a long continued fever like typhoid the fur accumulates until the tongue is covered with a thick, brown mass that shades off to a lighter tint at the edges. In scarlet fever the tongue is often covered with a white fur dotted with little red points. That is called the "strawberry" tongue. When the stomach is badly out of condition the tongue shows a thick white or brown fur, and those who are suffering from tonsillitis or from any other inflammation of the throat may show a layer of thick, creamy white fur all over the tongue. Sometimes when the patient is much exhausted the tongue will not be furred, but dry, red and raw.

"Thrush" consists of small white patches raised above the surface and, although not serious in itself, generally shows that the constitution is weak. One strange thing about the tongue is that, although it so often betrays the state of the stomach to the physician, yet in two of the most serious stomach troubles—cancer and gastric ulcer—the tongue is generally very clean.

The tongue in health is always under the muscular control of its owner and should be perfectly steady when it is put out. A tremulous tongue denotes weakness, and the tongue that is coated and tremulous in the morning, but that grows steadier through the day, is generally the result of too much alcohol.—Youth's Companion.

Armenia's Lost Name.

There is no such country as Armenia. Officially the Turks decline to recognize the name, and maps marking "Armenistan" have regularly been confiscated. Unofficially again nobody can say exactly where "Armenia," or Kurdistan, as it is alternatively called, begins and leaves off. Nor is there properly such a people as the "Armenians." That is only a name given them by foreigners. They call themselves Haik and their country Halasdan, tracing their descent from Haik, grandson of Japhet, whose dynasty was overthrown by Alexander of Macedon.—London Spectator.

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Stella—You have two proposals?
Bella—Yes, I can't decide which to marry first.—New York Sun.

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American Naval Officials Plan 2,000-Ton Vessels.

LESSON FROM EUROPEAN WAR

Recent Maneuvers of the Atlantic Fleet Are Also Said to Have Had a Bearing on the Conclusion That Large Submarines Can Be Put to Practical Use.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Seagoing submarines of 2,000 tons displacement probably soon will be sought for the American navy as a result of the lessons learned by navy department experts from the European war and recent maneuvers of the Atlantic fleet. It is possible, it is learned, that the first five submarines included in the administration's five year building program will approach this size, although the estimates submitted were based on boats of the 1,300 ton class.

In contrast to this development of a type of giant submersible naval officers are inclined to believe the so called coast defense boats will be standardized at about 400 tons displacement.

WILL RULE WHOLE WORLD

Secretary Lansing Tells of Growth of Pan-Americanism.

Washington, Dec. 28.—A Pan-Americanism of "one for all, all for one," was outlined by Secretary Lansing at the opening of the second Pan-American Scientific congress.

BUELOW IN LUCERNE AGAIN

Former German Chancellor Returns to Switzerland.

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 28.—Prince von Buelow, former German chancellor, has returned to Lucerne. He has resumed his quiet life at a hotel there. Recent reports that he has a large staff of secretaries are incorrect.

CONGRESS SETS NEW MARK

Nearly Seven Thousand Bills Appear in First Twelve Days.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Bill clerks of the house who were working on the records of the proceedings of the sessions up to the holiday recess report that the number of bills already introduced more than doubles the number of such measures presented in a similar period at the opening of the Sixty-third congress.

MORE SUICIDES IN CHICAGO

Coroner Reports 671 in 1915. Against 632 in 1914.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—There were 671 suicides in Cook county in 1915, compared with 632 last year, according to the annual report of Coroner Peter M. Hoffman.

Fire Routs Half-Clad People.

Highland, N. Y., Dec. 28.—One hundred and sixty persons were driven out into the cold when a \$150,000 fire destroyed the Chodikee lake hotel and Raymond RJordan school near here. Sleights carried the half-clad guests and students to nearby places of temporary refuge.

Napoleon and Woman.

Napoleon I., who was a great admirer of female talent when his own did not, like Mme. de Stael, direct it against himself, used to say, "There are women who have only one fault, viz. that they are not men."

PREMIER SKOULODIS.

Greek Premier Agrees to Remain in Office for Present.

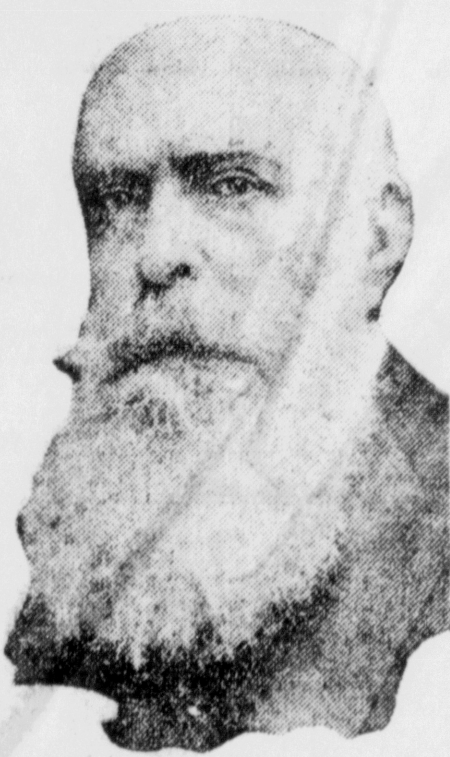


Photo by American Press Association.

The Skouloudis cabinet will remain in power in Greece for the present, Premier Skouloudis having deferred to King Constantine's desire to make no change, at least before the chamber reassembles on Jan. 24.

SENATOR SMITH CANDIDATE

Petitions Will Place Michigan Man on Ballot.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 28.—Petitions to place the name of United States Senator William Alden Smith of Grand Rapids on the presidential primary ballot as Michigan's candidate for Republican nomination for president have been filed in the secretary of state's office.

Bank Bandits Get \$7,500.

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 28.—Five men entered the First National bank at Heavener, Okla., and escaped after robbing the cashier of \$7,500, according to reports received here.

BABIES OF WORKING MOTHERS DIE FASTER.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The death rate in the United States among babies of mothers who work outside their homes far exceeds the infant mortality where the mother is not so employed.

GRAIN AND PROVISION PRICES

Duluth Wheat and Flax. Duluth, Dec. 27.—Wheat—On track and to arrive, No. 1 hard, \$1.21 1/2; No. 1 Northern, \$1.20 1/2; No. 2 Northern, \$1.16 1/2 @ 1.17 1/2. Flax—On track and to arrive, \$2.15.

St. Paul Grain. St. Paul, Dec. 27.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.21 @ 1.23 1/2; No. 2 Northern, \$1.17 @ 1.19 1/2; No. 2 Montana hard, \$1.17 @ 1.18; corn, 74 1/2 @ 75 1/2; oats, 42 1/4 @ 42 1/2; barley, 61 @ 62; rye, 95 @ 96; flax, \$2.14 1/2.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Dec. 27.—Cattle—Steers, \$6.00 @ 6.90; cows and heifers, \$2.80 @ 3.10; calves, \$6.25 @ 9.50. Hogs—Light, \$5.80 @ 6.45; mixed, \$6.10 @ 6.60; heavy, \$6.10 @ 6.65; rough, \$6.10 @ 6.25; pigs, \$4.75 @ 5.90. Sheep—Native, \$6.20 @ 6.90; lambs, \$7.00 @ 9.60.

Chicago Grain and Provisions. Chicago, Dec. 27.—Wheat—Dec., \$1.27 1/2; May, \$1.27 1/2; July, \$1.17 1/2; Corn—Dec., 74c; May, 77 1/2c; July, 77 1/2c. Oats—Dec., 43 1/2c; May, 47 1/2c; Pork—Dec., \$18.85; May, \$18.85. Butter—Creameries, 26 @ 35c. Eggs—26 1/2 @ 28c. Poultry—Springs, 12c; fowls, 12 1/2c; turkeys, 16c.

Minneapolis Grain. Minneapolis, Dec. 27.—Wheat—Dec., \$1.21 1/2; May, \$1.22; July, \$1.19 1/2. Cash close on track: No. 1 hard, \$1.24 1/2; No. 1 Northern, \$1.21 @ 1.22 1/2; No. 2 Northern, \$1.17 @ 1.19 1/2; No. 3 Northern, \$1.10 @ 1.16; No. 3 yellow corn, 74 1/2 @ 75 1/2; No. 3 white oats, 42 1/4 @ 42 1/2; flax, \$2.14 1/2.

South St. Paul Live Stock. South St. Paul, Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 950; steers, \$3.75 @ 8.75; cows and heifers, \$4.25 @ 6.00; calves, \$2.25 @ 8.25; stockers and feeders, \$4.00 @ 6.75. Hogs—Receipts, 5,900; range, \$5.75 @ 6.25. Sheep—Receipts, 2,500; lambs, \$3.00 @ 8.65; wethers, \$4.75 @ 6.25; ewes, \$2.50 @ 6.00.

St. Paul Hay. St. Paul, Dec. 27.—Hay—Choice timothy, \$14.00; No. 1 timothy, \$12.50 @ 12.25; No. 1 clover, mixed, \$10.25 @ 11.75; No. 1 mixed, different grasses, \$11.00 @ 11.75; No. 1 mixed, timothy and wild, \$11.00 @ 11.75; choice upland, \$13.00; No. 1 upland, \$11.50 @ 12.25; No. 1 midland, \$7.50 @ 9.00; No. 1 alfalfa, \$15.00 @ 15.75.

ASKS BONDS FOR PREPAREDNESS

Ragsdale Says Future Generations Will Get All Benefit.

AND WOULD LET THEM PAY

Asserts That People of Today Are Burdened Enough Already, as They Are Paying For the Panama Canal, Many Public Buildings and the Final Costs of the Civil War.

By ARTHUR W. DUNN.

Washington, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Let future generations pay for preparedness, for all that we do in this direction is for their benefit.

That is the sentiment of men who want bonds issued rather than another levy of taxes to pay for the military preparations which are to be authorized during this session of congress.

Complaint is made that the present generation has paid for the Panama canal, which is to be for the people of the future; also that the large expenses for river and harbor improvements and public buildings all over the country will be more beneficial to the generations to come than to the people of the present time. Consequently there is a demand that these burdens, which look so large to the people, should be passed on to those who come after us.

Civil War Burdens.

"We are now paying \$150,000,000 a year for pensions on account of the civil war, which ended more than fifty years ago," remarked Congressman Ragsdale of South Carolina. "We assume that the war was fought for the benefit of all our people and for the people who came after the war. Those people have been and are still paying the price. That is the way we should handle this proposed military expense—issue bonds to pay for it and let those people who will have the benefit of the protection which the proposed preparedness will afford pay for it."

"Neutralize" the Islands.

Congressman Clyde Tavenner of Illinois, who has made himself seen, heard and felt on the subject of national defense and in opposition to the armor and other war supplies trusts, has proposed a plan of neutralizing the control of the Philippine Islands which is rather unique at this time. He wants the president to invite the governments of Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia, Italy, Spain, Japan and China to make a joint treaty to secure the independence of the Philippine Islands. Only Spain and China of the countries mentioned are not at war. Think what a harmonious time the representatives of those other warring nations would have when they came together to insure the independence of the Philippines by treaty! Suppose some one should remark that a treaty was a "serap of paper!" What a bully row it would start!

Gardner Made a Hit.

It is a wise man who knows when not to talk. Congressman Gardner has several times shown his wisdom, but never more so than on an occasion when he faced a brilliant audience in Washington and was asked to speak on preparedness. An old naval officer had drowned away until he had made the audience very tired. There had already been too much speaking. And when Gardner was called on he simply said, "We came here to see the lesson of this moving picture, and I will not detain you from that pleasure." He was the most popular man in the assembly.

Sympathy For Cummins.

There is considerable sympathy for Senator Cummins in his candidacy for the presidency because it is realized that this is his last chance. If he does not land the grand prize in 1916 it will be beyond his reach in four years. Like Champ Clark, he will then be too old to be considered.

Compulsory Service.

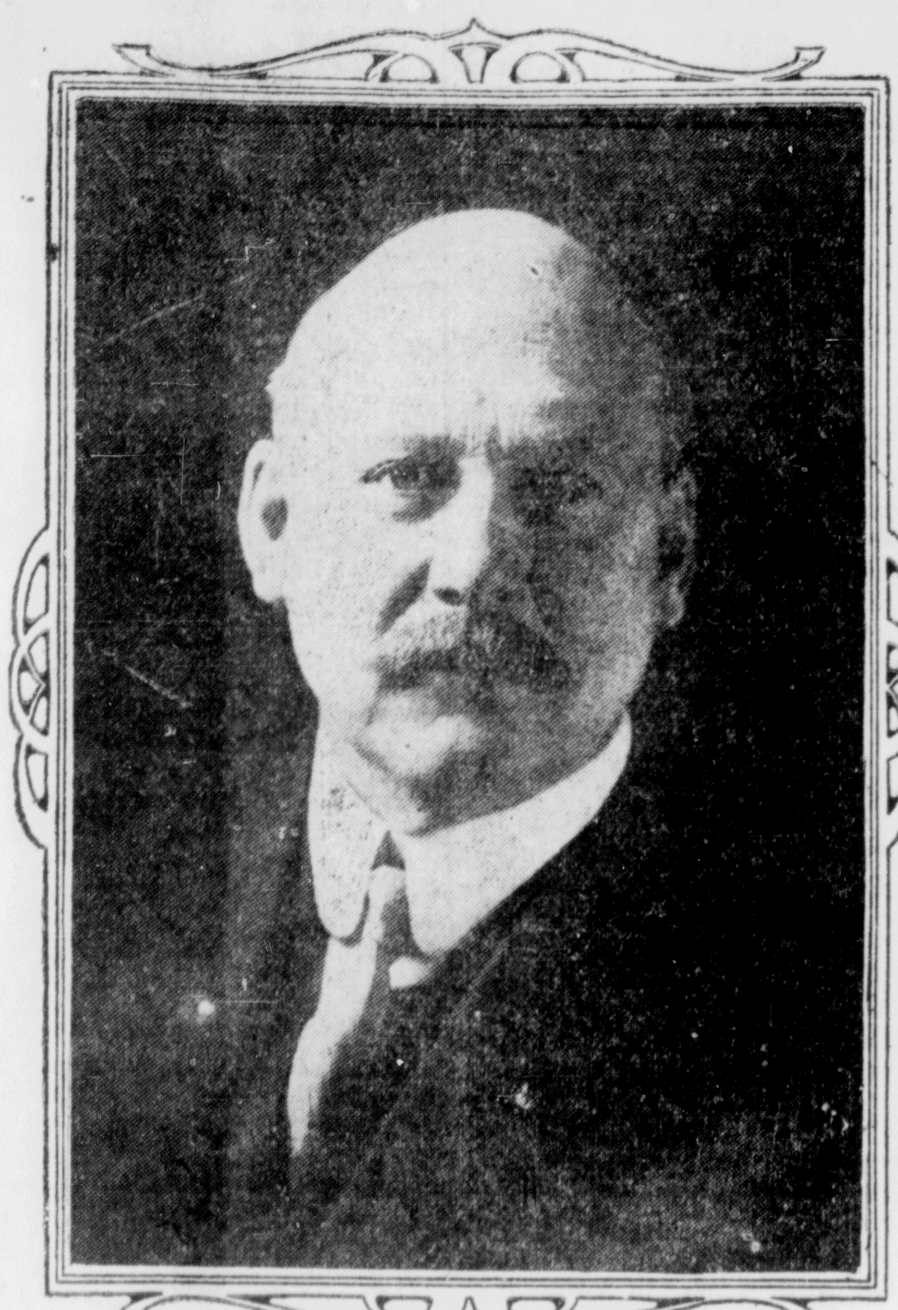
It beats all how everybody is avoiding everything that smacks at compulsory service in the army as a means of war preparation. At the same time nearly everybody believes that such service is actually necessary to secure soldiers. It will be more than easy to raise enough officers for an army of 150,000 men. In fact, one of the main reasons for increasing the army to that number is to make places for officers. But when it comes to getting men to fill the ranks—well, that is another question. There will have to be compulsory service to secure soldiers for the regular army of that size, especially in times of peace.

Not Dismissed.

Although he failed to secure closure, Senator Owen is not dismissed in the matter of his health department bill. He has gone along with it and will no doubt try to secure favorable action, but it is doomed to be talked to death if it is ever seriously considered in the senate.

What They Could Do With It.

It is the favorite occupation of the anti-militarists these days to figure up what they could do with money which preparedness will cost. There is the subject of canals or river and harbor improvements, of public buildings, of roads or of agriculture, of education. All of these, it is claimed, could be given a great boost by the expenditure of \$500,000,000.



SENATOR JOHN W. WEEKS Of Massachusetts

Senator Weeks was one of those directly responsible for the return of Massachusetts to the Republican Party at the late November elections. He was an ardent advocate of the progressive plank included in the Republican platform in that State, which resulted in reuniting the party. Because of his work in this direction, Senator Weeks has acquired a nation-wide following, and he is one of those most prominently mentioned for the Presidency.

President Wilson Congratulated

(By United Press)

Washington, Dec. 28.—The White House is flooded with congratulatory messages on account of the president's 59th birthday, which included many cablegrams from foreign rulers. Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 28.—A birthday cake with fifty-nine candles at a dinner this evening was the only celebration of President Wilson's birthday. Numerous messages were received. Who made the cake is a secret.

To Show War Trophies Throughout France

Paris, Dec. 1. (By Mail).—France's display of war trophies taken from the Germans, which so far has been confined to Paris, is now to be extended to all the leading French cities. Marseilles has just been provided with a display of the cannons captured by the former garrison of that city, and each of the other favorite cities of France is soon to have an opportunity of visibly attesting the prowess of the French polus.

Pacific Coast Would Be Ideal Location

(By United Press)

Washington, Dec. 28.—Secretary Daniels says the Pacific coast would be an ideal location for another United States naval academy, but says it would be unwise to recommend its establishment this year.

SEVEN STATES WILL GO "DRY" ON JAN. 1

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Six Western states are buying liquor at high speed in preparation for the extension, Jan. 1, of the water wagon route to Colorado, Iowa, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Arkansas.

The six states, voted dry by legislatures, prepared to enforce the laws which become effective at midnight, Dec. 31.

With South Carolina, which also becomes dry Jan. 1, and Virginia, where prohibition is effective Nov. 1, 1916, nineteen states will be in the dry column.

Nebraska, California, Michigan, Vermont, South Dakota and the territory of Alaska will vote on statewide prohibition next year; they have already announced, and several other states are expected to ballot on the question. The seven states which board the water cart next Friday midnight add a population of 8,254,043 to the dry ranks, according to the 1910 census.

WORDS IN FETTERS.

Many Expressions That Are Slaves to the Tyranny of Custom.

There is no bondage more galling than that of custom, and it is inescapable also. Words which by nature have a wide latitude of real and metaphorical meaning are fettered to a single significance by the custom of using them more commonly in one way than in another.

When it was announced that a preacher had been sued for "breach of promise" every one at all interested in the case immediately assumed that he had declined to marry a woman whom he had agreed to make his wife. As he had a wife already, there were the elements of a scandal in the report. But it seems that the minister is not accused of breaking his promise to marry, but his promise to pay certain sums of money in a business contract. "Breach of promise," however, is chained so securely to the post of a single meaning that it connotes but one idea in the popular mind.

"Elope" is another word that is not free. It means merely to run away, but only people who run away to marry surreptitiously are allowed to elope. "Notoriety" is simply the state of being known. A notorious man, however, is a man of bad reputation. "Suggestiveness" likewise means merely having the ability to suggest, but it is used in a bad sense. And "criticism," however much it would like to describe friendly as well as hostile comment, finds itself unable to convey any meaning save that of faultfinding. The number of such slaves might be multiplied indefinitely to prove that words are but symbols that mean what we agree they shall mean and not what their ancestry would justify us in supposing that they do mean.—Philadelphia Ledger.

BIG PULL OF THE ROBIN.

To See It at Its Strongest Watch Him Get Breakfast.

Relatively speaking, the robin has more pull than the wildest politician who ever drew breath or a contract. We mean, of course, in comparison to their sizes. By similar comparison, he's stouter than a 100 horsepower stump puller or a steel magnet. If you want to see him test his strength get up early some seasonable morning, go out on the lawn and watch your friend the robin, grubbing for worms.

You'll have to be early because the robin is. Likewise the robin is early because the worm is. Earthworms, you know, crawl out of their underground tunnels at nighttime and feed on dead leaves and grasses scattered over the lawns. The robin gets his breakfast before the worms have time to get far down in their burrows.

Mr. Robin goes hopping around over the grass like a boy in a sack race with his feet tied, stopping to inspect a hole so tiny that you'd never see it. He shoots his bill down in the hole, gives his head a little twist—yes, he's found a worm.

Then begins the tug of war. With the end of the worm fast in his bill the robin braces his legs and pulls. He doesn't jerk the worm out. If he did the worm might break, and you'd seldom see a robin get only half a worm. No, he plays with it like a skillful angler who has caught a big fish on his line. Little by little the worm gives way, and presto, the robin has him in his mouth.

Once in a great while a young robin, who hasn't learned the art yet, will be caught off his balance by a sudden release of the worm and go tumbling on his back. But that doesn't happen often.—Philadelphia North American.

Queer Looking Worms.

New Zealand, Australia, the Samoan and the Solomon Islands as well as portions of the Hawaiian group are the homes of various species of worms with thick, heavy bodies and with a well defined neck connecting the body with a head that is a startling reminder of that of the monkey. In the Sandwich Islands they are called "meta-luki," which means "creeper with a child's head." An old New Zealand legend says that at one time they were of immense proportions and threatened the extinction of all human life on the islands.

North American Camels.

Camels were common in North America during the miocene epoch, and several forms have been found. One was about the size of a sheep and is supposed to be the ancestor of modern camels and llamas. Others were large and had long necks like the giraffe. All these ancient camels had hoofs like cattle.—Argonaut.

Most Eminent Medical Authorities Endorse It.

Dr. Eberle and Dr. Braithwaite as well as Dr. Simon—all distinguished authors—agree that whatever may be the disease, the urine seldom fails in furnishing us with a clue to the principles upon which it is to be treated, and accurate knowledge concerning the nature of disease can thus be obtained. If backache, scalding urine or frequent urination bother or distress you, or if uric acid in the blood has caused rheumatism, gout or sciatica or you suspect kidney or bladder trouble just write Dr. Pierce at the Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N.Y.; send a sample of urine and describe symptoms. You will receive free medical advice after Dr. Pierce's chemist has examined the urine—this will be carefully done without charge, and you will be under no obligation. Dr. Pierce during many years of experimentation has discovered a new remedy which he finds is thirty-seven times more powerful than lithia in removing uric acid from the system. If you are suffering from backache or the pains of rheumatism, go to your best druggist and ask for a 40-cent box of "Anuria" put up by Dr. Pierce. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for weak women and Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for the blood have been favorably known for the past forty years and more. They are standard remedies to-day—as well as Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets for the liver and bowels. You can get a sample of any one of these remedies by writing Dr. Pierce.

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State of Minnesota, County of Crow Wing. In Probate Court. In the matter of the estate of Harry A. Martin, Decedent. The State of Minnesota, to all persons interested in the granting of administration of the estate of said decedent: The petition of Lora E. Martin, Clarke having been filed in this court, representing that Harry A. Martin, then a resident of the county of Kent, State of Michigan, died intestate on the 19th day of February, A. D. 1914; and praying that letters of Administration of his estate be granted to Henry M. Bonck, of Crow Wing County, Minnesota; and the court, having fixed the time and place for hearing said petition: Therefore, you and each of you, are hereby cited and required to show cause, if any you have, before this court at the probate court rooms in the county court house in the city of Brainerd, in the county of Crow Wing, State of Minnesota, on the 29th day of January, A. D. 1916, at two o'clock P. M., why said petition should not be granted; and to show the day of May, A. D. 1915, and the seal of said court, and the seal of said court, this 27th day of December, A. D. 1915. J. T. SANBORN, Probate Judge.

(Court Seal) MANTOR & EBERLE, Attorneys. Dec. 28-4-11

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"How did Teller get his cold?" "All the drafts in the bank go through his cage."—Boston Transcript.

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